Seizure of Currencies in Containers

1038. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in the daily newspaper 'Dainik Lok Satta' (Marathi) of 1st July, 2000 captioned "Rs. One crore notes were found in the containers."

(b) if so, the type of vigilance Government have to inspect containers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that weapons were also transported in the same mode?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. In Central Warehousing Corporation run Container Freight Station in Jawahar Lal Nehru Port, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have confiscated some containers, wherefrom some currency notes have been recovered by them.

(b) The checking and inspection of the containers is carried out by the Customs Department.

(c) No incident of weapons transported through containers in the J.L. Nehru Port area has been reported to the Ministry.

Repeal of Carriers Act

1039. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to repeal the Carriers Act, 1865;

(b) whether Government have agreed with the truckers to limit their liability to Rs. 7.5 lakhs in case of loss or damage occuring during transit and that the responsibility of the transporters in case of damage to property due to delay in delivery will be limited to the freight payable for the consignment; and